

ALUMNIAGARA

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1987 Nursing graduate

Never a dull moment for Tina May Simpson

Who says nurses have to be placed in a hospital environment soon after graduation?

Tina May Simpson, Miss Canada 1987, and Niagara College Nursing program graduate, has proved different.

Simpson is basking in a hall of fame doubling her career pursuits in acting and writing plays, and doing part-time plastic surgery nursing in Studio City, Los Angeles, Ca.

"I love what I'm doing," she said. "I always wanted to do film and TV - that's why I found myself here."

She took the 11th place representing Canada in the Miss Universe Pageant in 1987. Her Miss Canada 1987 tours included Europe, the Far East and Canada.

"I enjoyed my tour of Canada. It was great for me, discovering my own country...seeing places I had never seen before," she said.

Simpson's acting debut was in Toronto soon after her graduation.

She later moved to Los Angeles in 1989 where she has since been involved in a number of productions and TV commercials.

She acted in a film, "Leather Jackets," as girlfriend to one of the male actors, played a medical student in a cable TV show called "Just Another Day," and acted in the pilot production of "Total Recall," a day-time situation comedy.

She is working on a theatre piece called "Lenny Bruce," which is "hopefully" due for release this July. It is based on the life story of Lenny Bruce, the controversial 1950s American comedian who is regarded as having set the trend for many comics today.

"I've been fairly busy," Simpson said. "The production I'm working on is one of the greatest pieces I've ever been involved with. It's been great writing the story, so far."

She was quick to point out that her acting career has not deterred her from utilizing the nursing knowledge and skills she gained from Niagara College. Her part-time plastic surgery nursing includes a number of celebrity clients.

"The nursing career has been equally good for me," she said. "I've nursed many influential celebrities through my plastic surgery nursing."

"I respect the nursing career and

everything that the nurses do."

Simpson urged the public to realize and appreciate the role that nurses have in caring for people's lives.

"The problems that nurses have in our society are that people don't realize how much work and responsibility they (nurses) have taking care of people's lives," she said. "Nursing is still judged in society as an underrated profession. I'd like to see a higher regard for nurses."

Her husband, Dr. Dennis Colonello, is a renowned chiropractor.

He invented the abdominizer, a popular sit-up product which is marketed by Fitness Quest of Ohio. He has been working on fitness products for the past eight years and is working on four new products.

"It's great we both have careers," Simpson said. "He does interviews and I also do interviews. We both enjoy having the opportunity to express our viewpoints."

Asked to comment on which of the two careers featured more in her future plans, she said her main goal was to be successful in her acting career - "that's why I'm here in Los Angeles."

Simpson took her time to laud Niagara College for the kind of academic background she has.

"I'm thankful to the College for my present career. It was a real training base for what I am today."

"My message is, do what in your heart makes you truly happy and always be proud of it. The College has



Miss Canada 1987 Tina May Simpson

given me a career I'm proud of and I'm also proud to be a product of the College."

Although born in Buffalo, N.Y., Simpson calls St. Catharines, Ont., where her family lives, her hometown.

"The last time I was there was in

1988 when I spoke to students at my high school (St. Catharines Collegiate and Vocational Institute) as part of one of my Miss Canada 1987 engagements."

She is planning to visit her family when she returns to the Niagara Region this summer.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Oct. 16

Our Second Annual Niagara College Homecoming will take place on Saturday, Oct. 16, 1993.

"We intend on building on last year's success with a more complete alumni event," said Larry Naftulin, chief executive officer of the Niagara College Foundation. "We now have a very effective Alumni executive in place who are very interested in putting together an exciting day for everyone."

See the centrespread for more details.

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First Alumni president addresses Master Plan

Hello, fellow Niagara College alumni!

It is my pleasure to write my first letter to you in this ALUMNIAGARA, the first published since my election as president of the Niagara College Alumni Association. Few volunteer tasks I've undertaken have given me a great sense of pride, and I'm very happy to be supported by a terrific executive consisting of Carmine Angi, Carla Weller, Gerry Ruch, Dave Rasmussen, Mike Stupello, Debbie Foster, Lyn Russo, and Robert Beres. (If you'd like to get involved as a member of the executive, let me know by writing to the Alumni Office.)

The executive is only the tip of the iceberg; there will be many activities for which we will need even more volunteer participation - our next Homecoming on Oct. 16, 1993, for example - so I look forward to you and other alumni serving on committees whenever you can. Let's make our Association the best in Ontario!

We've been meeting often to develop a full program of alumni events and services that I know will be of interest to you. But, rather than go into some of our hopes and dreams right now, I thought I'd use this space to tell you about THE most important issue facing Niagara College at this moment. I'm talking about the College's Master Plan.



Harry Popiluk, president of the Niagara College Alumni Association shown at Homecoming '92.

If you live in the peninsula, you've probably read something about the plan to renovate and add several major new buildings to the Welland Campus and build an entirely new campus in the St. Catharines area to replace the old factory building/campus. Evidently, funds for this critical project have been approved but not yet released by the province.

The Master Plan is the future of the College. Nothing could be more important to us as graduates. Therefore, the executive authorized me to send the following to Premier Bob Rae.

Dear Mr. Rae:

At the behest of the executive board of the 23,000-member Niagara College Alumni Association, I am writing to you to urge you to authorize a capital grant to the College so that it might proceed as quickly as possible with its program of renovation and new construction.

The Ontario college system, and Niagara in particular, has been good to us. Niagara gave us the education we needed to find fulfilling careers, and today more people than ever are choosing Niagara for the very same reasons we did. But the fact that these new students attend classes in many of the same buildings we used when the

College first opened its doors 25 years ago fills us not with feelings of nostalgia but with a sense of shock and sadness - for these buildings were no more than temporary structures, not intended to last 10 years let alone a quarter of a century.

Niagara has done the best it can under the increasingly trying circumstances, but with the crush of new enrollees it is reaching the end of its tether. At present, its two main campuses in Welland and St. Catharines have exactly one modern structure between them. The rest are jerry-built Butler buildings, 19th century factories, portable classrooms, and cramped leased sites about which the less said the better. We're proud of Niagara College; we're embarrassed by its facilities. Ontario and the Niagara Peninsula deserve better.

We have been shown the College's blue print for the future, and we think it is absolutely on target with its twin goals of promoting operating efficiencies and rationalizing curriculum offerings and appropriate new spaces. Furthermore, the Niagara Region's faltering economy can only receive a giant boost through the construction activity and permanent job additions that the College's plan calls for.

Therefore, we respectfully ask you to help Niagara College serve the working men and women in the Niagara Peninsula by releasing the necessary

funds for it to fulfill its Master Plan.

Thank-you very much for your attention to this request.
Sincerely, Harry Popiluk

The Premier responded promptly as follows:

Dear Mr. Popiluk:

Thank you for letting me know of the Niagara College Alumni Association's support for funding for Niagara College's renovation and new construction program.

I appreciate knowing how you and your fellow alumni feel about your alma mater. I am well aware of Niagara College's importance to the Region.

All government ministries are dealing with strict financial constraints and facing difficult decisions on how to use their limited resources. I see you have sent a copy of your letter to the minister of education and training, Dave Cooke, making him aware of your views. I am sure he will consider your comments while deliberating on this matter.

I appreciate hearing from you.
Yours sincerely,
Bob Rae

A new fiscal year for the province has started, so perhaps by the time you receive this the good news will have been announced. Whatever and whenever the decision, we'll keep you posted.

Best wishes to you all,
Harry Popiluk.

It was a good year for varsity athletics

The Niagara College Knights varsity sports teams turned in a respectable performance in 1992-93.

"All in all it wasn't a bad year," said Peter Rylander, co-ordinator of athletics. "We've certainly had better years, but this was a decent year for most of our teams."

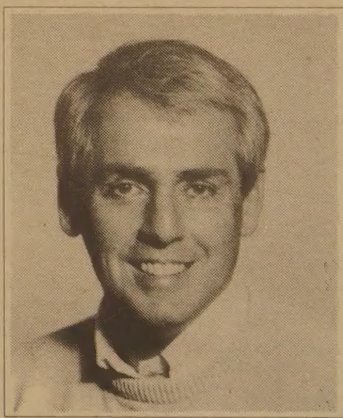
The College's only provincial championship came on the badminton court where Sean Ellis captured the Ontario Colleges Athletics Association (OCAA) men's singles title. For that, Ellis was named OCAA athlete of the week.

Ellis advanced to the national finals in Grade Prairie, Alberta where he finished sixth.

Success isn't always measured in terms of winning - just ask coach Judy Halaiko and members of the women's volleyball team.

The ladies finished the regular season with a 10-6 record but failed to make the playoffs based on head-to-head action.

"Mohawk finished with the same record but beat us both times we played before Christmas," Rylander said. "I think that by the time the playoffs started we were a better team, but that's sports."



Peter Rylander

It was a year of great change for Fred Bassi and his hockey team.

For the past three years, the hockey team has won the International Collegiate Hockey League (ICHL). This past year, however, the team was forced to play in the OCAA after the ICHL folded.

Coach Bassi had to deal with a weakened offensive squad but still managed to make the playoffs where his team bowed out in the first round to Seneca College, the eventual provincial champions.

"I don't think the season was a reflection in the strength of leagues,"

Rylander said. "If Fred had one of the teams he's had in the past, they would have done very well in the OCAA."

The Niagara College gym was the site of the OCAA Division II men's basketball championships at the end of February.

The Knights had to settle for the bronze medal after losing a tough, opening round match to Loyalist College 85-79.

Loyalist went on to defeat Cambrian by 15 to take home the gold.

Niagara knocked off St. Lawrence College to take the bronze.

Bronze was the color of choice for the men's volleyball team as well as coach Ray Sarkis took his depleted squad through five tough matches at the OCAA championships in February.

The men's indoor soccer team, coached by Steve Celestini, advanced to the OCAA finals in Sudbury after finishing second in the region. The team, however, stalled up north and finished sixth in a six-team tournament.

Niagara's defending provincial championship mixed curling team didn't fare so well this past year and finished fifth in the province.

Rob Preston took home a bronze medal at the OCAA golf championships

in the fall, but the team didn't do quite as well, finishing fifth.

"We had two 97s on the first day and that really hurt us," Rylander said. "We have to take three out of four scores so one of those 97s counted and we really couldn't recover."

After winning a bronze medal in its first year of existence three years ago, the College touch football team finished 0-3 in its region.

On the individual level, Rick Sinclair of the men's basketball team was the College's male athlete of the year.

Sinclair had an excellent season and was named to the league's first all-star team.

Scott Currie was named to the second all-star team and earned athlete of the week honors for setting an OCAA record with 10 three-pointers in one game.

Donnell Stayzer of the women's volleyball team was the College's female athlete of the year. Stayzer was named to the league's all-star team.

Brian Dekker of the men's volleyball team was the male freshman athlete of the year and Amy Charko of the women's volleyball team was the female freshman athlete of the year.

Are you a former varsity player interested in playing any of the following for Homecoming '93?

- ☐ Men's hockey
- ☐ Women's basketball
- ☐ Men's basketball
- ☐ Women's volleyball
- ☐ Men's volleyball

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Check out the centrespread for more details about Homecoming '93

Hard work, perseverance pay off for Journalism-Print graduate

Curiosity, perseverance and originality earned St. Catharines Standard reporter Carol Alaimo a third nomination for the National Newspaper Award this year for her investigative work on spending practices at the St. Catharines Hydro-Electric Commission.

Her work also earned her the Western Ontario Newspaper Award in April.

"It's always been an honor for me, that's all I can say," said Alaimo, 37, who was nominated for the same award in 1989 and 1990.

"It's scary - it's as difficult to maintain being at the top as it is to get there."

She graduated from the Journalism-Print program at Niagara College in 1984 and has worked for the St. Catharines-based Standard ever since.

Her nomination did not come on a silver platter.

"I've never worked so hard on anything in my life," she said, referring to her experiences at Hydro-Electric Commission from which she subsequently earned her recognition. "People were not forthcoming with information, there was too much bureaucracy."

Alaimo said she spent nine months investigating the spending practices of the Hydro Commission and read through "more than 1,000 spending invoices, one by one, and found a lot of abuse."

The whole investigation started when a St. Catharines citizens' group filed a complaint with City Hall alleging that about 12 Hydro employees had attended a conference in Nashville, Tenn. and brought their wives along with them.

"Their reasons for bringing their wives were, A) because they needed their wives with them so they wouldn't be out drinking all night and would therefore be unable to attend the meetings in the morning, and B) the workload at the conference was so heavy they would need their wives there to take notes."

Alaimo said after reading through spending documents, it was discovered the charging of golf fees and tickets to public shows were charged to the commission, which is, in effect, the public.

Helping the citizens of St. Catharines was most gratifying for Alaimo.

"Actually, the public deserves a lot of credit, they really took up the cause," she said.

She attributed her present career heights to her former journalism instructor, Barbara Blue.

"She gave me the inspiration. She encouraged me not to give up - she was just wonderful," she said.

Blue was not surprised at Alaimo's third nomination for the award.

"She was just an excellent student with tremendous curiosity, perseverance, interest and originality," she said. "She's displayed all these since she joined the Standard."

Alaimo said the Journalism-Print program at the college should put more emphasis on developing investigative reporting skills.

"These are the skills I had to develop on the job, but I feel they could be better developed in college," she said.

To journalism students graduating this year, she did not hide the grim picture ahead.

"I have to be honest, it's hard for me to advise new journalists because opportunities on the job market are drying up. All I can say is that have faith in yourselves and keep on trying."

A single mother of a 16-year-old son and a 15-year-old daughter, Alaimo loves sailing, travelling and "having fun with my two children."

The \$2,000 National Newspaper Award is an annual recognition of excellence in the use of various skills



1984 Journalism-Print graduate Carol Alaimo

in the field of newspaper journalism.

Other nominees vying for the award this year include Paul Macneil of the Halifax Chronicle-Herald, and Dean Jobb of the Mail-Star for their coverage of the Westray mine disaster in Nova Scotia; Paulette Periol and Michael Den Tandt of the Kingston Whig-Standard

for a story on a choirmaster pedophile, and William Marsden, Rod Macdonnell and Andrew McIntosh of the Montreal Gazette for an investigation of the Canadian court system.

The winners of the awards are expected to be announced at the end of May.

Move south proves beneficial for television, film director

"California, here I come... right back where I started from!"

With more than 100,000 Canadian residents, Los Angeles, Cal. could qualify among Canada's larger cities.

The city has been the scene of many of our country's greatest successes in the entertainment field.

A Niagara College graduate could be the next Canadian to become internationally famous.

Jeff Woolnough, a film and television director living in the hills of Studio City, outside of Los Angeles, graduated from the Broadcasting - Radio, Television and Film program in 1977.

Originally from Niagara Falls, Woolnough entered Niagara College because the program seemed "related" to what he wanted to do - become a rock star.

Although his dream fell apart with his band, Woolnough said staying in school left him other career choices.

The Broadcasting program provided him with practical experience he was able to put to use in industry.

"The two years were very productive," he said. "The first day, I had a camera in my hand. In terms of preparing you for how the business runs, it was good...we had an opportunity to be creative."

One of Woolnough's lasting memories from his days at Niagara



Jeff Woolnough, 1977 graduate of the Broadcasting - Radio, Television and Film program.

College are the friends he made while there, with whom he still remains in contact.

The Blizzard of '77, when many of his friends were stranded at his apartment in Welland, stands out as a particularly fun time, Woolnough said.

Since graduation, Woolnough's career has seen him travel to several

interesting destinations.

In 1989, for what he calls "the life experience," he worked for three months in Johannesburg, South Africa directing five editions of "Under African Skies", starring Robert Mitchum and Catherine Bach.

Woolnough also had the opportunity to work with David

Carradine, who reprised his 1970s role of a martial arts expert in "Kung Fu - The Legend Returns".

"I was very inspired by the whole thing. You don't often get to stand back and take measure of where you've come from and where you are. I'm sure I was grinning like an idiot," he said of working with Carradine, one of his childhood idols.

Woolnough's career reached a turning point in 1987 when for five months he apprenticed under director Norman Jewison during the filming of "Moonstruck", which featured Cher and Nicholas Cage.

"That was the experience that shaped my life; it gave me a lot of confidence. I threw all of my efforts into being a dramatic director," he said, adding at that age 37 he is still considered a young director.

"By the time I hit my 40s, I want to be a feature film maker."

As a director, Woolnough considers himself a "hired gun" who hears about most of his jobs through word of mouth.

Together, with Toronto producer Richard Lowry, Woolnough read more than 40 screenplays last year, none of which they felt were good enough to be made into a movie.

The need for a director's first movie to be good can't be underestimated, he said.

"It's a lottery. A lot of directors have done features and it's the

end...you've got to find something like "The Crying Game", for instance."

Woolnough is confident the opportunity to direct a good film will soon present itself, creating a situation where film studios will be calling him.

Increasingly busy with directing, Woolnough rarely finds time to write anymore. Writing, however, has "opened many doors for him," and he plans to continue again.

As a director, Woolnough visits Canada fairly often, although most trips are to Vancouver and Toronto. While in Toronto, he is able to visit family members in the Niagara area.

From what he can tell, Canadians are well liked by people in California.

"There are so many Canadians in my industry down here. They're so successful, I can only conclude that Canadians are well thought of here."

He said Canadians in California prevent Woolnough and his wife, actress Claudette Roche, from missing Canada too much. They have been together for 10 years, the past three living in California.

He said they enjoy the lifestyle, climate and their house in the hills, adding for someone in his field, it is the only place to be.

"If you want to go anywhere in this business, you have to be here," he said. "In the three years we've been here, we have made a lot of friends. The people down here are great."

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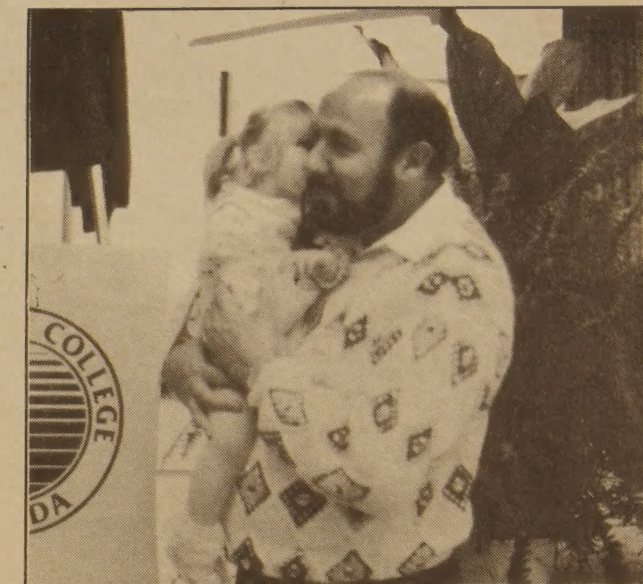
Alumni Carole Timm, Fashion Arts '81, left, and Nancy Croce, General College '88 share a moment. Carole is a professor in the Fashion Merchandising/Visual Promotion program and Nancy is on the Advisory Committee.



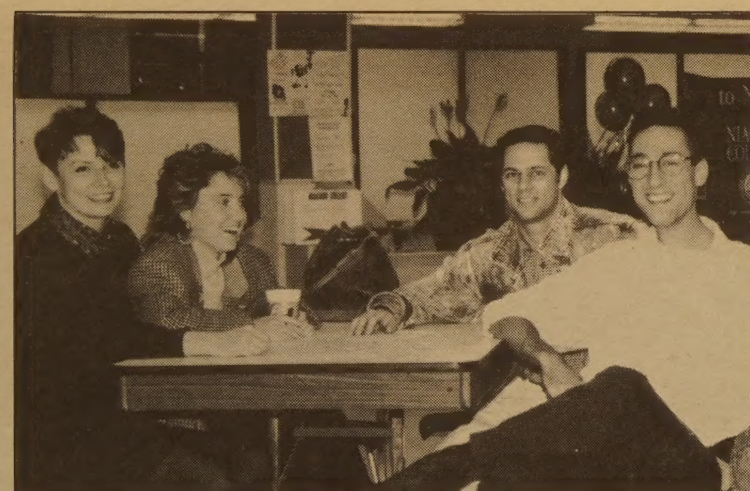
Some Business buddies reminisce, from left: Sam McCutcheon; Larry Côté, professor; Ed Zanetti, professor; Dwight Young, Business Administration '71; Cathy Gravelle (Pryor), Business Administration - Human Relations '71; Jack Gravelle, Business Administration - Human Relations '71; and John Beck, Business Administration '71.



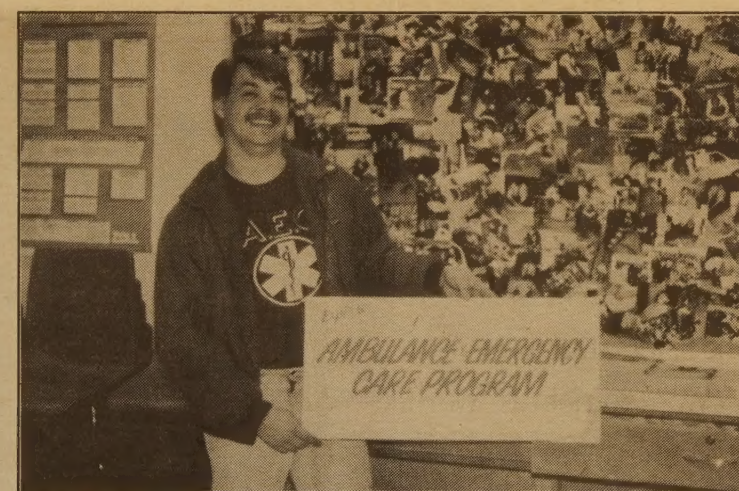
Those Journalism-Print '92 grads sure know how to party. From left: Sue Eaton, Baron Bodesky, Michele Stewart, Carolyn Mullen, Mark Nesbitt and Kim Shephard, also General College '86, standing.



College President John Saso listens carefully as a future Niagara College student shares her ideas.



Sharing some brew and a few laughs in the cafeteria, from left: Jill Benko, Computer Programmer '84; Leanne Crawford, General College '83; Jim Crawford, Computer Programmer '84; and Brian Benko.



Steven Bober, Ambulance and Emergency Care '88 stands in front of a photo montage featuring memories from Yesterday 'n Today.



Early Childhood Education grads visit the program area where they spent all those hours to get those diplomas. From left: Nancy Barrick '79, Kathleen Fischer '80, Sharon Milne '82 and Marilyn Montgomery '74.



Carol Barr Overholt, Dental Assistant '79, crouching in the centre with son Cameron and daughter Alison, makes a friendly visit to the Dental Clinic. Jelena Stojkic, Dental Assistant '90 is on the right.

Photography by Nancy Croce, General College '88

Homecoming '93

Saturday, October 16th, 1993

Planning for Homecoming '93 is already in full swing. The second annual event will focus on four decades of history at Niagara College: the Sixties, the Seventies, the Eighties and the Nineties.

Won't you join us? We'd like you to be involved and help us to make it a great Homecoming!

Please indicate on the form how you would like to help. If you can't organize, please make sure you attend, and spread the word to all your friends. Let's make this a Homecoming to remember.

See you there!

Steering Committee - Homecoming '93

Sophie Aggelonitis - Foundation / Alumni Consultant

Sandy Brooks - Library Technician '69

Lyn Russo - Journalism, Advertising, Public Relations '71

Dave Rasmussen - Air Conditioning, Refrigeration Engineering Technician '81

Carla Weller - Business Administration - Marketing (Co-op) '92

Yes, I Can Help.

☐ Welcoming Committee
(registration, accommodations)

☐ Decorating & Displays

Have Memorabilia?

eg: Yearbooks, photos, dance tickets

☐ Will loan for displays

☐ Will donate to College

☐ Publicity and Promotion

☐ Photography ☐ Sound/Music

☐ Videotaping ☐ Parking and Signage

Other suggestions: _____

Afternoon Program

☐ Entertainment

☐ Message Centre

Euchre Tournament

☐ Organize

☐ Want to play

Sports Events

☐ Organize

☐ Want to play (see page 2)

☐ Want to be a cheerleader

Come as You "Were"

☐ Dinner Dance (in the cafeteria)

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The Niagara Network

1968

Brown, Shirley (Hlywka) - Office Administration. Shirley lives in Welland and works for Stelpipe.

1969

Hill, Sheila (Barnell) - Basic Upgrading. Sheila lives in St. Catharines and is a secretary in Dr. S.A. Kempston's office, an area dentist.

Tevelthuis, John - Mechanical Design. John is living in Grimsby and is a project manager for Oshawa Foods.

White, Anne - Basic Upgrading. Anne, who lives in St. Catharines, is a medical secretary in Dr. Aubin's office.

Wood, Robert - Business - Sales. Robert is living in Niagara Falls and is working for The St. Catharines Standard newspaper.

1970

Bacon, Julie (St. Croix) - Educational Resources and Special Needs. Julie is working as an immigration counselor for Immigration Canada and is living in Niagara Falls.

Bailey, George - Broadcasting - Radio, Television and Film. George is the director of public relations for the Niagara Parks Commission and resides in Niagara Falls.

Ruch, Gerald - Business Administration - Marketing Management. Gerald is a practising lawyer and is a partner in the firm Ruch and Williams. He is living in Fort Erie.

Terpak, Michael - General College. Michael is a police officer with the Brock University Campus Police and lives in Welland.

1971

Fraser, Robert - Business Administration - Accounting (Academic). Robert is working for London Life Insurance and resides in Fonthill.

Kelly, Alice (St. Croix) - Computer Programmer. Alice is a systems analyst with Revenue Canada and is living in Nepean.

Pagonis, Tom - Broadcasting - Radio, Television and Film. Tom is living in Niagara-on-the-Lake and is teaching television production at Niagara College.

1972

Baldwin, Audrey (Peart) - Health Records Technician. Audrey resides in London and works in the health records department at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Salfi, Jerry - Broadcasting - Radio, Television and Film. Jerry is a television production technician with the Marketing and Communications department at Niagara College and is living in Niagara Falls.

Sinclair, David - Broadcasting - Radio, Television and Film. David is living in Vancouver where he is the program director for the University of British Columbia Knowledge Network.

1973

Bauer, Mike - Social Service Worker. Mike is working for the Regional Municipality of Niagara and lives in St. Catharines.

Lee, Robert - Business Administration - Accounting (Academic). Robert is working with the Society of Management Accountants and resides in Port Colborne.

Ozog, Francesca (Bonisolo) - Business Administration. Francesca is living in Unionville and works for the Royal Bank of Canada.

1974

Boyd, Charlotte - Library Technician. Charlotte is living in Niagara Falls and works in the Learning Resource Centre at the Mack Centre for Nursing Education, Niagara College.

Larkin, Shirley (Schuiling) - Fashion Merchandising. Shirley, who lives in Toronto, is working for Tip Top Tailors.

Montgomery, Marilyn (Humphrey) - Early Childhood Education. Marilyn is a nursery school teacher at the Niagara College Day Care Centre and is living in Welland.

Powers, Holly - Interior Design. Holly lives in St. Catharines where she works for B.B. Bargoons.

1975

Campbell, Maria (Palmero) - Early Childhood Education. Maria is working at the Chippawa Co-op Nursery School and resides in Niagara Falls.

Ferriday, Carole (Cooper) - Journalism - Print. Carole lives in Fort Erie and works for Starber International Brokerage.

Tibbs, Georgina - Social Service Worker. Georgina is working for Canadian Youth Employment Services (Futures), Niagara College and lives in Niagara Falls.

1976

Garner, James - Business Administration - Human Resources Management. Jim is the director of Human Resources at Niagara College and resides in Fonthill.

Hay, Diana (Antaya) - Horticultural Technician. Diana is living in Niagara Falls and works for McKenna's Florist.

Mantini, David - Business Administration - Human Resources Management. David, who lives in Niagara-on-the-Lake, is working for Agriculture Canada.

Sumida, Toshie - Computer Skills Training for Women. Toshie is living in St. Catharines where she works for the Lincoln County Board of Education.

1977

Allegra, John - Business Administration - Accounting (Academic). John is working for General Motors of Canada, Ltd. and lives in Niagara Falls.

D'Aiuto, Len - Business Administration - Accounting (Academic). Len is a controller with the Ontario division of Cartier Wines and Beverages and resides in Niagara Falls.

Ouellette, Karen (Angle) - Nursing. Karen is living in St. Catharines where she is a nurse at the St. Catharines General Hospital.

Prudente, Mario - Hotel and Restaurant Administration. Mario is the manager of The Gate House restaurant (Restorante Giordano) in Niagara-on-the-Lake, where he resides.

1978

Bent, Marianne (McQuin) - Nursing. Marianne now lives in Nepean and is a nurse at the Queensway Carlton Hospital.

Duhamel, Nancy (Parsons) - Nursing. Nancy lives in Mississauga and is nurse at the Queensway General Hospital.

Goertz, John - Mechanical Engineering Technology. John lives in Niagara-on-the-Lake and works at O.A. Goertz Equipment Ltd.

Parkin, Nancy (Barrick) - Early Childhood Education. Nancy lives in Owen Sound and works for Grey County Social Services.

1979

Barnatt, Phyllis - Journalism - Print. Phyllis is now the co-ordinator of Niagara College's Journalism - Print program.

Clark, Richard - Law and Security Administration. Richard lives in Tillsonburg and is a member of the Town of Tillsonburg Police Department.

Ertel, Nancy (Kierstead) - Library Technician. Nancy is living in Kitchener and works for the Waterloo Public Library.

Petutin, Julie - Health Records Technician. Julie is living in Niagara Falls and works for the Niagara Rehabilitation Centre.

1980

Anderson, Barbara (Mashford) - Nursing. Barbara is living in Niagara Falls and is a nurse at the Greater Niagara General Hospital.

Cole, Margaret (Chagnon) - Early Childhood Education. Margaret lives in Niagara Falls where she works at an English as a Second Language preschool.

Freeman, Joyce (Dear) - Health Records Technician. Joyce is working in data processing at the Toronto East General Hospital and lives in Scarborough.

Howcroft, Nicolina (DeLuca) - Business Administration - Information Systems. Nicki is working as a data base administrator in Management and Information Services at Niagara College.

1981

Bosco, Richard - Law and Security Administration. Richard is living in Niagara Falls and works for Revenue Canada.

Glowacki, Yvonne - Medical Transcriptionist. Yvonne resides in St. Catharines where she works at the Hotel Dieu Hospital.

Niceforo, Sheila (Hengelmann) - Dental Assistant. Sheila is a dental assistant with Pierce and Stevens and resides in Fort Erie.

Pasco, Patricia (Koabel) - Early Childhood Education. Patricia is working for the Niagara South Board of Education and lives in Niagara Falls.

1982

Bradford, Paul - Law and Security Administration. Paul is living in Markham and works for the Metro Toronto Police Force.

Grottick, Karen - Office Administration - Executive. Karen is living in Regina, Sask., where she works for the Government of Saskatchewan.

Porpealia, Darlene - Law and Security Administration. Darlene is living in Sault Ste. Marie and works for the Ministry of Correctional Institutions.

Raimondo, Anna-Marie (Riganelli) - Business - Sales. Anna-Marie is living in Thorold and works at Riganelli's Bakery Ltd.

1983

Bilon, Karen - Early Childhood Education. Karen is living in Thorold and works at the Merriton Co-operative Nursery School.

Hilimoniuk, John - Law and Security Administration. John resides in St. Catharines and works for Revenue Canada.

Jackson, Brenda (Stone) - Horticultural Technician. Brenda is working for White Rose Crafts and Nursery Sales Ltd. and lives in St. Catharines.

Murduff, Scott - Hotel and Restaurant Administration. Scott resides in Ajax and is working at the Sutton Place Hotel.

1984

Biesheuvel, Adele - Computer Programmer. Adele is living in Brampton and is a computer programmer with Canada Life.

Crawford, James - Computer Programmer. Jim is living in Thorold and is a programmer analyst in Management and Information Services at Niagara College.

Gilmour, Frederick - Law and Security Administration. Fred is living in Guelph and is a police officer with the Ontario Provincial Police.

Neufeld, Robert - Business Administration - Accounting (Academic). Robert lives in Virgil and works for Bridgeman and Durksen, C.A.

1985

Adams, Kathleen (Winn) - Dental Hygiene. Kathleen lives in Welland and is a dental hygienist in Dr. G. W. Thomas' office.

Doan, Scott - Business Administration - Marketing Management. Scott is living in Welland and is a mall manager with Doral Holdings Ltd.

Mayer, Joyce (Bell) - Dental Assistant. Joyce is a dental assistant in Dr. K. Sawatzki's office and resides in Welland.

Rockwell, Mary-Ellen - Social Service Worker. Mary-Ellen resides in St. Catharines and works for the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

1986

Braster, Lorraine (Andrew) - Horticultural Technician. Lorraine lives in St. Catharines and is working in landscaping for the City of Niagara Falls.

Dumont, Sandra (Harrington) - General College. Sandra lives in Fort Erie and works in the insurance business with The Prudential.

Meyers, Scott - Broadcasting - Radio, Television and Film. Scott lives in Avonmore and is a producer with Rogers Community 11 television.

Rocco, Jacqueline (Albanese) - Educational Resources and Special Needs. Jacqueline lives in Niagara Falls and works for the Niagara South Board of Education.

1987

Alakas, Tim - Business Administration - Marketing Management. Tim resides in Welland and works for Interlake Casket and Urn.

Ash, Brian - Law and Security Administration. Brian is a police officer with the Niagara Regional Police Force and lives in Welland.

Napoleone, Nancy - Dental Assistant. Nancy is living in Binbrook and is a dental assistant with Dr. Marcogliese's office.

Stead, Cheryl - Health Records Technician. Cheryl is living in Port

Colborne and works for the Medical Associates of Port Colborne.

1988

Boychuk, Kim - Computer Information Processing. Kim is a programmer analyst with QUNO (formerly the Quebec and Ontario Paper Company) and resides in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Easby, Warren - Law and Security Administration. Warren is living in Belleville where he is a police officer with the Belleville Police Force.

McArthur, Jim - Mechanical Engineering Technology. Jim completed his engineering degree at Lakehead University and now works for Foster Wheeler. He is living in Welland.

1989

Alionis, Richard - Broadcasting - Radio, Television and Film. Richard resides in St. Catharines and works in the video production department with the Peel Regional Police Force.

Cotton, Julie (Harris) - Business - Accounting. Julie is living in Scotland and works for Crown Verity Inc.

Ghirardi, Lorena - Theatre Arts. Lorena resides in St. Catharines and works at the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Sauve, Daniel - Hospital Orderly. Daniel is an orderly at the Welland County General Hospital and resides in Welland.

1990

Boudreau, Martine - Education des petits. Martine lives in Hamilton and works at La Garderie les petits navire.

Lostracco, Paul - Nursing. Paul is living in Niagara Falls and is a nurse at the Sunnybrook Health Centre.

Toole, Kerri - Legal Assistant. Kerri is a legal assistant with the firm Sullivan-Mahoney and resides in St. Catharines.

1991

Dorion, Chad - Ambulance and Emergency Care. Chad lives in Elliot Lake where he is an ambulance attendant with the Elliot Lake Ambulance Service.

Shea, Julie (Goertz) - Computer Programmer. Julie lives in Niagara-on-the-Lake and is a computer programmer with Beatrice Foods.

Thomson, Laura (Miller) - Nursing Assistant. Laura resides in Niagara Falls where she is a registered nurses assistant with the Greater Niagara General Hospital.

1992

Foisy, Roger - Legal Assistant. Roger is living in Guelph and is a law clerk with Girones and Ciccone.

Schmidt, Peter - Construction Engineering Technology. Peter lives in St. Catharines and is working for the City of St. Catharines.

Smith, Susan - Early Childhood Education. Susan lives in St. Catharines and works for A Child's World Daycare.

Can you help us find our Lost Alumni?

Accorintini, Diana - 1988 Dental Assistant
Atchison, Deborah - 1978 Health Records Technician
Balcombe, Diane - 1977 Dental Assistant
Bertrand, Renee - 1979 Theatre Arts
Black, Douglas - 1980 Broadcast - Radio, Television And Film
Casselman, Susan - 1979 Horticultural Technician
Citrigno, Joseph - 1976 Hotel And Restaurant Administration
Cooper, Gary - 1987 Industrial Engineering Technician
Cracknell, Joanne - 1980 Fashion Merchandising
Dahl, John - 1987 Broadcast - Radio, Television And Film
Duerrstein, Maryanne - 1984 Educational Resources and Special Needs
Dunne, George - 1978 Ambulance And Emergency Care
Epp, Rose - 1990 Tourism - Tours And Attractions
Ferguson, Darlene - 1980 Early Childhood Education
Fish, David - 1983 Business And Administration - Information Systems
Fortushnick, Elizabeth - 1976 Interior Decorating
Glennie, Shelley - 1975 Human Relations
Greaves, Faye - 1977 Graphic Arts Technician
Hallett, Jo-ann - 1976 Business - Accounting (Academic)
Hardy, Barry - 1976 Construction

Engineering Technology
Jackson, Theresa - 1985 Computer Programmer
Jahns, David - 1984 Law And Security Administration
Kalnins, Raymond - 1976 General College
Lane, Kim - 1991 Fashion Merchandising
Lipischak, Karen - 1979 Horticultural Technician
Lovering, Chris - 1975 Educational Resources And Special Needs
Madden, Chris - 1979 Computer Programmer
Marshall, Bradley - 1986 Mechanical Engineering Technology
McMullan, Ruth - 1982 Dental Hygiene
Millar, George - 1987 Machine Shop
Mittlestead, Wayne - 1992 Visual And Creative Arts - Design
Moore, David - 1976 Hotel And Restaurant Administration
Nicholas, Angela - 1989 Early Childhood Education
Olenik, William - 1990 Hospital Orderly
Orr, Donald - 1987 Ambulance And Emergency Care
Penner, Dwight - 1982 Broadcast - Radio, Television And Film
Pickell, Edythe - 1980 Early Childhood Education
Porteus, David - 1984 Educational Resources And Special Needs
Rivers, Cheryl - 1975 Administration de Bureau
Rodriguez, John - 1982 Business

Administration - Information Systems
Russell, James - 1977 Interior Decorating
Saunders, James - 1983 Broadcast - Radio, Television And Film
Scott, Paul - 1980 Ambulance And Emergency Care
Shavallier, Rusty - 1978 Business - Sales
Simpson, Donald - 1976 Hotel And Restaurant Administration
Singer, Barbara - 1984 Fashion Merchandising
Smith, Roy - 1987 Electrical Engineering Technician
Spence, Michael - 1983 Business - Accounting
Staneff, Karen - 1983 Office Administration - Executive
Steele, Lawrence - 1986 Industrial Maintenance Mechanic
Stewart, Kathy - 1983 Journalism - Print
Taylor, Elizabeth - 1989 Health Care Aide
Thiessen, Edward - 1980 Mechanical Engineering Technology
Vanlankveld, John - 1984 Law and Security Administration
Varga, Anne - 1977 Fashion Merchandising
Watts, Wendy - 1986 Health Care Aide
Williams, Pamela - 1988 Chemical Engineering Technology
Zalokar, David - 1990 Machine Shop
Zorich, Lori - 1981 Medical Transcriptionist

Another "lost" graduate found!

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Culinary Skills graduate strikes cooking gold

Grant McPherson has come a long way.

When McPherson entered Niagara College in 1981 he had no idea that 10 years later he would be a gold medalist at the Culinary Olympics and the executive sous chef at Raffles Hotel, Singapore's largest hotel.

"When I joined Niagara College, to be honest, I had no idea what the hell I was doing," McPherson admits. "I was only 19 years old and how was I supposed to know I'd end up here?"

McPherson, born in Scotland, came to Canada in 1974 and landed in St. Catharines.

Today, he's among the best in the world in his field.

In October, McPherson entered the Culinary Olympics, held every four years in Frankfurt, Germany.

The Olympics pit the very best from 29 countries competing in a day-long event in which the chefs must create a three-course lunch, a seven-course dinner and two show platters.

"It's a very hectic day," McPherson said. "I was very lucky, not everybody gets a chance to do this."

As a member of the Singapore National Team, McPherson added a



1983 Culinary Skills graduate Grant McPherson.

fourth place finish to his individual gold medal.

"I'm not surprised, he's a very talented person," said Stan West, culinary professor at the College. "He's done a lot at such a young age, it's quite nice to see."

McPherson's trek to the Raffles Hotel in Singapore wasn't a direct route.

Following graduation from the College, he took his first job at the Chateau Laurier hotel in Ottawa with good friend Walter Berg, now executive sous chef at the Prince of Wales Hotel

in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

McPherson's culinary skills then took him to the Four Seasons hotel in Vancouver, which, in turn, led him to his first overseas experience - a transfer to the Four Seasons hotel in London, England.

After spending time working in Hawaii, France, and two years at the Regent Hotel in Australia, McPherson opened the Regent Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where he met his wife of the past 15 months.

Today, his wife is the catering sales manager at Raffles.

"Between the two of us, we barely have any time to do anything," McPherson said.

"But I'm not complaining. . . I love what I do and I'm very happy here. It's definitely a step up."

Although as executive sous-chef he is ultimately responsible for nine kitchens and a staff of 169, McPherson hasn't abandoned his passion for the "hands-on" part of the job.

"That's the best part," he said. "I don't think I'd ever want to get into a situation where I'm not in the kitchen."

The patrons of the Raffles Hotel would not like to see that either.



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